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National Police Week May 10 thru May 16, 2015

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving all the communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Westmont Police Department;

WHEREAS, some 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries;

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, over 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and have been killed in the line of duty;

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C.;

WHEREAS, new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial this spring, including 117 officers killed in 2014 and 156 officers killed in previous years;

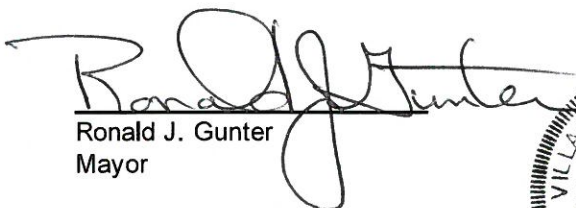
WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 27th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2015;

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this year May 10th thru May 16th; and

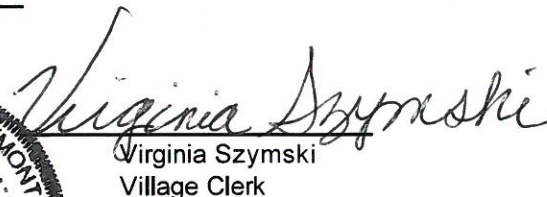
WHEREAS, May 15th is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I Ronald J. Gunter, by the virtue of the authority vested in me, as Mayor of the Village of Westmont, Illinois do hereby proclaim May 10th thru May 16th as Police Week in the Village of Westmont, and May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day. We publicly salute the service of the men and women of the Westmont Police Department and those law enforcement officers protecting us in all communities across this great nation.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 0


Ronald J. Gunter
Mayor




Virginia Szymiski
Village Clerk